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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: VELKE et al.

Entitled: POWER LAWN MOWER WITH DECK LIFT SYSTEM

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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23 pages of specification and claims (including 15 numbered claims), and

17 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment to _____, and return to the undersigned.

☒ Attached is a Power of Attorney (copy from parent).

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application of Application No. 09/973,957, filed October 11, 2001, which is a CIP of 09/714,814, filed November 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,438,930, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Wright Manufacturing, Inc., Frederick, Maryland.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

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☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449; ☐ Other:

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